

Appendix – Medline Search strategy (adapted for use in Embase and CiNAHL)

| No | Search term |
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| 1 | subclavian.ti,ab. |
| 2 | stenosis.ti,ab. |
| 3 | 1 and 2 |
| 4 | inter-arm.ti,ab. |
| 5 | interarm.ti,ab. |
| 6 | 4 or 5 |
| 7 | blood pressure*.ti. |
| 8 | differen*.ti. |
| 9 | 7 and 8 |
| 10 | ABI.ti,ab. |
| 11 | ABPI.ti,ab. |
| 12 | ankle brachial pressure.ti,ab. |
| 13 | ankle brachial pressure index.ti,ab. |
| 14 | 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 |
| 15 | 3 or 6 or 9 or 14 |
| 16 | exp Cohort Studies/ |
| 17 | cohort.mp. |
| 18 | follow up.mp. |
| 19 | 16 or 17 or 18 |
| 20 | 15 and 19 |